

International Tour 2025 Itinerary Penn State Fayette Ireland – Dublin and Galway

Travel dates:

June or July of 2025

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Pittsburgh airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Dublin airport in morning. Transfer to accommodation with optional stop at Croke Park in Dublin for tour of Croke Park, home of Ireland Gaelic Games.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Dublin. Options include Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral and/or Guinness Store tour. Evening match vs. local team.
- Day 4 Morning optional training session with an Irish coach or your own coaches. More sightseeing Dublin – visit Phoenix Park, Dublin financial district, Kilmainham Gaol/Prison and the General Post Office where the 1916 uprising started and O'Connell Street.
- Day 5 More sightseeing Dublin – visit and tour Trinity College. Evening match vs. local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Galway. Make a stop at the Cliffs of Moher on the way. Check in to hotel and rest of day/evening at leisure.
- Day 7 Day free for sightseeing and exploring Galway. Stroll along High Street taking in all its shops, restaurants and typical Irish pubs. Evening match vs. a local team in Galway.
- Day 8 Day trip to Limerick or optional guided tour of Bunratty Castle and Folk Park where you can experience the living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland from over a century ago. While in Limerick visit King John's Castle, a 13th century castle located next to the River Shannon. Or, more sightseeing in Galway on High Street. Possible evening match vs. a local team.
- Day 9 Transfer to Dublin airport and flight home.

*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



Price estimate per person*:

Number of people	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$4,358	\$4,165	\$4,034	\$3,927	\$3,865	\$3,794

* Prices are based on contracted group airline fares for 2024. We will know more about fares for 2025 approx. 11 months prior to the departure date, when airlines publish flights and can confirm pricing then.

Included:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time of tour booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.

Sport program included:

We will arrange 3 games with local clubs.

Accommodation and meals included:

Dublin: 4-star hotel accommodation in Dublin.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located on the outskirts of Dublin approx. 8 miles from the center of Dublin. Hotel is located within short walking distance to public transportation as well.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms (2 double beds each) all with private bathroom, iron, safe, coffee maker, free Wi-Fi, TV and phone.
- The hotel has a restaurant, lounge/bar and coffee shop,
- Double rooms available as well at a supplement of \$13.00 per person per night.
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Galway: Accommodation at the University of Galway.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Located on campus including a wide variety of restaurants, cafes, and shops.
- Campus located less than a mile just outside Galway city center with easy access to shopping, restaurants, pubs, etc.
- Apartment style accommodations that include 3-6 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchens, spacious living areas, and free Wi-Fi.
- Variety of bedroom types, including single/singe bedded rooms, with en-suite bathrooms available.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

Local guide services:

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

Options available (not included in prices)

Sport program options:

- Visit to a pro game. We recommend budgeting approx. \$50-\$100 per person for a pro game ticket.
- Training session with a youth coach from an Irish pro club – approx. \$1,000.00 per session, including field hire.
- Field rental for a proper field (lines and goals) for a training session(s) with your own coaching staff – approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.

SIGHTSEEING IN DUBLIN AND SURROUNDINGS

1) **TRINITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE GREEN**

Price: Adults \$14.00 per person (\$39.00 to add the Book of Kells and Old Library)

Trinity College is probably the best spot to kick off your Dublin tour. It's at the heart of the capital, packed full of incredible history, and it's the oldest university in Ireland having been founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. Occupying an enviable 40-acre site, Trinity retains some of its ancient seclusion of cobbled squares, gardens, and parks and is famed throughout the world for its collection of great treasures. These include, on permanent exhibition, the 9th century illuminated manuscript, the Book of Kells, the Books of Durrow and Armagh, and an ancient Irish harp. The priceless artefacts are displayed in the Treasury and the awe-inspiring 18th-century Long Room, which houses more than 200,000 of Trinity's oldest books and hosts regular literary exhibitions.

2) **NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND**

Price: Free Admission.

A right turn at the end of Kildare Street will bring you to the National Gallery of Ireland with entrances on Clare Street and Merrion Square West. Housing the finest collection of Irish art in the world alongside an outstanding collection of European art from the Middle Ages to the present day, this is a must-see while in the capital. The gallery opened in 1864 with wings being added in 1903, 1968, and most recently, 2002. Collections include the Yeats Museum, seven rooms devoted to Irish art, Italian Painters, the Shaw Room, and Baroque Room. The gallery, which is spread over four levels, regularly hosts impressive temporary exhibitions, and there's an excellent café popular with locals and visitors alike.

3) **PHOENIX PARK AND DUBLIN ZOO**

Price: Seniors \$20.00, Adults \$25.00, Under 16s \$19.00, Under 3s Free.

An 18-minute walk from Collins Barracks is Dublin Zoo in Phoenix Park. This is the largest enclosed urban park in Europe, some 1,750 acres, which is surprising given that Dublin is a relatively small capital city. Hundreds of deer roam the parkland, the President of Ireland's official residence is here along with Deerfield, a beautiful 18th-century property home to the American Ambassador to Ireland. There's a Visitors Centre located close to a 17th-century tower house, Ashtown Castle, for those wishing to find out more about the park and its environment. At the far Castleknock Gate end and on some 78 acres stands stately Farmleigh House dating from the 1800s and purchased by the Irish state from the Guinness family in 1999.

4) **THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE**

Price: Adult \$35.00 – 10% Discount for groups of 26 or more.

It takes a LOT to become iconic, but Guinness has done it. The "Black Stuff" may be famous the world over, but this slow-settling porter started off life in St James's Gate at the heart of old Dublin. Back in 1759, an enterprising brewer by the name of Arthur Guinness took out a 9,000-year lease on the brewery here for an annual rent of £45. A couple of centuries later, the Storehouse was born. Built in the style of the Chicago School of Architecture 1904, it was originally used as a fermentation house. Today its Ireland's number one visitor attraction – a gleaming, multimedia exhibition on everything from retro advertising to the craft of brewing, topped off with a pint in the 360-degree Gravity Bar. When you get there, don't forget to raise your glass to Arthur's wonderful creation!

Prices and availability for these excursions may change a little at the time of booking.

TOURISTIC INFORMATION GALWAY

Galway, known as the City of the Tribes, is an important tourist center and a gateway to the scenic areas of the county. Beginning in the 15th century, Galway was ruled by the leading fourteen merchant families, which were known as "tribes." The families built many castles throughout County Galway. Many streets and landmarks bear the names of these early "tribes."

Galway is a bustling town with fantastic nightlife. The beautiful scenery, charming pedestrianized streets, and numerous pubs and cafes are sure to keep you occupied.

Cliffs of Moher: A must-do while on your way to Galway, is to see the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher. Here you will encounter nature in its wildest, purest form – see the rugged cliffs facing the mighty ocean, taste the salt air, feel the ancient rocks beneath your feet. This destination is one of the most breathtaking sights to see during your trip to Ireland.

Eyre Square/City Center: While in Galway, the City Center there is plenty to see and do. The Eyre Square Center is home to several shops, restaurants, pubs and tourist attractions.

Optional Day Trip to Limerick: While in Limerick visit King John's Castle, a 13th century marvel located next to the River Shannon. You can also visit Thormond Park, home of Munster Rugby Club, one of the top teams in Ireland.

Bunratty Castle: The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. Bunratty Castle, is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times.

Folk Park: Enjoy the sights, sounds tastes, scents, of this enchanting place as you stroll from house to house or around the charming village street complete with school, post office, doctors house, hardware shop, printers and of course McNamara's pub. When you visit Bunratty Folk Park you experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting.